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■ JOHN W. BUTENKO, the American electronics engineer found guilty of passing Strategic Air Command secrets to Russia, may get the death penalty. Whatever may be the fate, as Butenko's convicted accomplice, of the Russian in the case, let us at least be clear about him. Igor A. Ivanov is the one that did not get away. Nominally ranked as a mere chauffeur for the Soviet trade agency Amtorg, he could not, like the three members of the Soviet UN mission who were arrested along with him and Butenko, claim diplomatic immunity from indictment. Gled A. Pavlov, Yuri Romashin and Vladimir I. Olenov are long gone from American soil but not from American newspaper files, where their photographs repose, photographs showing them jubilant on the day of their release as—diplomats all—they gave their ~~English~~ hosts the bird.